

IC 14-21-4

Chapter 4. Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission

IC 14-21-4-1

"Commission"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the courthouse preservation advisory commission established by section 3 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.

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"Historic courthouse"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "historic courthouse" refers to a county courthouse listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.

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Courthouse preservation advisory commission established

Sec. 3. The courthouse preservation advisory commission is established.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.

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Members

Sec. 4. (a) The commission consists of the following individuals:

- (1) One (1) licensed architect with experience in building preservation.
- (2) One (1) registered professional engineer with experience in building preservation.
- (3) One (1) architectural historian.
- (4) One (1) county commissioner.
- (5) One (1) representative of a local community foundation.
- (6) One (1) representative of the Association of Indiana Counties.
- (7) One (1) representative of the Indiana Association of County Commissioners.
- (8) One (1) judge of a county, superior, or circuit court.
- (9) The chief justice of the Indiana supreme court or the chief justice's designee.
- (10) The director of the division or the director's designee.
- (11) The president of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana or the president's designee.
- (12) The director of the office of community and rural affairs or the director's designee.

(b) Members appointed under subsection (a)(1) through (a)(7) shall be appointed by the governor.

(c) The member appointed under subsection (a)(8) shall be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.

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Appointments; terms

Sec. 5. (a) A member appointed under section 4(a)(1) through 4(a)(8) of this chapter serve for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1 the year of their appointment. However, a member appointed to fill a vacancy on the commission shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(b) Each appointed member of the commission serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

(c) The governor shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as the commission's chairperson.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.

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Per diem

Sec. 6. A member of the commission is not entitled to a minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). However, subject to the availability of money in the courthouse preservation fund, a member is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.

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Administrative support for commission

Sec. 7. (a) The division shall provide administrative support for meetings of the commission.

(b) Expenses incurred under this chapter shall be paid from money in the courthouse preservation fund.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.

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Votes needed for official action

Sec. 8. The affirmative votes of at least seven (7) members of the commission are required for the commission to take any official action, including issuing reports.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.

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Duties

Sec. 9. The commission shall do the following:

- (1) Upon request by county officials, travel to county courthouses to assess potential courthouse rehabilitation projects. The assessments may include providing an appraisal of the condition of the courthouse and rehabilitation cost estimates.

- (2) Provide technical assistance for courthouse rehabilitation projects to encourage proper preservation practices.
- (3) Upon request by county officials, review and provide recommendations on architectural plans for courthouse related projects.
- (4) Upon request by county officials, review and provide recommendations on engineering plans for courthouse related projects.
- (5) Provide county officials with information concerning funding sources for courthouse preservation projects.
- (6) Make an assessment concerning the importance of preserving historic courthouses to the history and identity of county seats and counties.
- (7) Make an assessment of the importance of preserving historic courthouses to the economic revitalization of county seats and counties.
- (8) Investigate the need for rehabilitation, restoration, and maintenance of historic courthouses.
- (9) Study the condition of historic courthouses.
- (10) Study the needs of county officials in planning for the successful restoration, rehabilitation, and maintenance of historic courthouses.
- (11) Meet at least once each quarter.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.

IC 14-21-4-10

Courthouse preservation fund

Sec. 10. (a) As used in this section, "fund" refers to the courthouse preservation fund established by subsection (b).

(b) The courthouse preservation fund is established to provide matching grants for courthouse rehabilitation projects and pay for the administration of this chapter. The division shall administer the fund.

(c) The fund consists of:

- (1) money appropriated by the general assembly;
- (2) appropriations to the fund from other sources; and
- (3) grants, gifts, and donations intended for deposit in the fund.

(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

(e) The money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains in the fund to be used exclusively for purposes of this chapter.

As added by P.L.85-2008, SEC.5.